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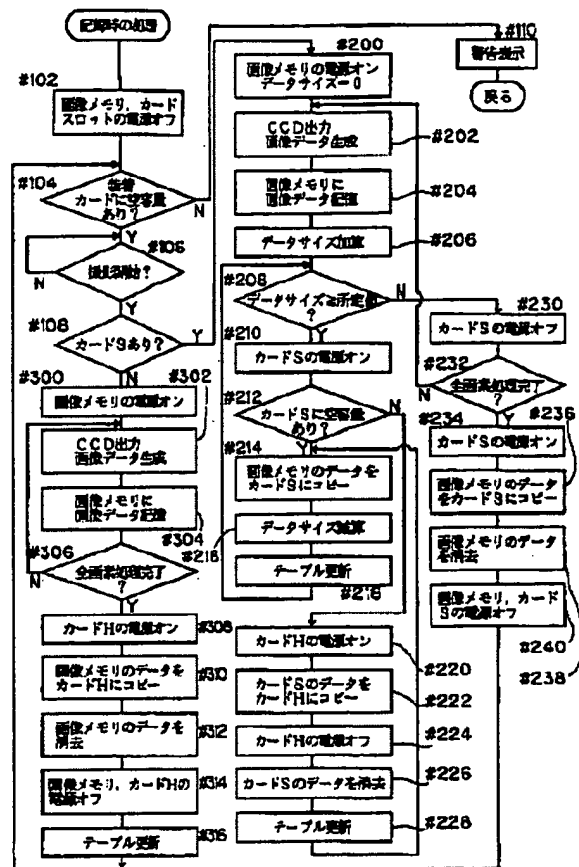
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ABSTRACT : PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a digital camera which mounts different kinds of picture recording media simultaneously and utilizes merits of them sufficiently.

SOLUTION: When the different kinds of picture recording media are mounted on the digital camera simultaneously, a preferential medium to be used preferentially is fixed based on the characteristic of the respective picture recording media to frequently use only the preferential medium or the preferential medium in recording of a photographed picture and the reproducing and displaying of a recorded picture. In the case of mounting a semiconductor memory card and a hard disk card as the picture recording medium, e.g. the semiconductor memory card which is smaller in power consumption and higher in an input/output speed than the hard disk card having a large a recording capacity is used preferentially, and the hard disk card is inputted and outputted through the semiconductor memory card.

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